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SUBJECT: FUEL SHORTAGES IN NORTHERN GREECE

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1. "ELLINIKIS VORRAS" OF DECEMBER 21 REPORTS THAT FOR SECOND DAY KOZANI AND FLORINA WITHOUT FUEL OIL AND HEATING CUT OFF AT ALL LARGE COMPLEXES, INCLUDING HOSPITALS. LATTER CITY, LOCATED IN MOUNTAINS, PARTICULARLY AFFECTED SINCE TEMPERATURE WELL BELOW FREEZING AND SNOWFALLS HEAVY. REPORT NOTES THAT WATER SYSTEMS AND EXTENSIVE GREEN HOUSE CULTIVATION LIKELY TO SUFFER DAMAGE.

2. COMMENT: LOCAL ESSO REPS REPORT THAT MARKETING OUTLETS IN AFFECTED AREAS OVERSOLD ALLOTMENTS DURING RECENT COLD WEATHER. SITUATION EXPECTED TO IMPROVE WITH END-OF-MONTH DELIVERIES. SECOND FACTOR IS UNWILLINGNESS OF TRANSPORT FIRMS TO DIVERT TRUCKS TO THESE AREAS IN VIEW OF INCREASED, MORE PROFITABLE LOCAL BUSINESS.

THESSALONIKI STOCKS ALSO LOW, BUT HOSPITALS AND PUBLIC

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INSTITUTIONS NOT YET AFFECTED. QUEUES APPARENT, HOWEVER, AT FUEL DISTRIBUTION POINTS AND NUMBER OF LARGE APART-.

MENT BUILDINGS WITHOUT HEATING OVER HOLIDAYS. ESSO OFFICIALS
HERE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ABILITY TO MAINTAIN JANUARY CRUDE
OIL DELIVERIES AND ESTIMATE THAT 20-30 PERCENT REDUCTIONS
ON PRESENT ORDERS MAY BE NECESSARY. IF SO, HARDEST HIT
IN NORTHERN GREECE WILL BE OUTLYING TOWNS.
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